

SUBJECT: Requiring a notice on fuel pumps of federal, state tax rates for motor fuel

COMMITTEE: Business and Industry — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 7 ayes — Oliveira, Simmons, Collier, Fletcher, Rinaldi, Romero, Villalba

0 nays

WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND: Federal and state taxes on motor fuel are included in the price paid by consumers at the motor fuel pump. Some consumers have suggested that transparency about tax rates could be improved.

DIGEST: CSHB 991 would require the Texas Department of Agriculture to display a notice of the current rates of the federal and state motor fuel taxes on every motor fuel pump that sold motor fuel. The notice would:

- display the current rate of each tax, in cents per gallon, for each type of motor fuel;
- be displayed on each face of the pump on which the price of the motor fuel sold from the pump was displayed; and
- be displayed in a clear, conspicuous, and prominent manner.

The bill would take effect on January 1, 2016.

NOTES: The Legislative Budget Board's fiscal note estimates that the bill would have a negative net impact to general revenue of \$160,000 through fiscal 2016-17.